

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I fully DO NOT support the merger of 'DISH Network' with 'DirectTV.' This is nothing more than the formation of a monopolistic state.

It is claimed that every household will pay the same price for service regardless of locality. There is no mention, however, that this price will be a fair assessment of service provided. Afterall, once the merger takes effect, where's the competition? Comparing cable to satellite is an 'apples and oranges' comparison, at best. DirectTV already took over PrimeStar. Guess what? Rates went up. I know, I was a PrimeStar customer. Now DISH wants DirectTV. This is heading down the road of 'Ole Ma Bell.' Lest we forget that the Government had to split Ma Bell 'cause she got too big for her bloomers.

What's next? Time Warner will buy (over power) DISH Network and the consumers will have no choice then.

Bottom line, without competition, we might as well make way for capitalism. A monarchy, if you will. I urge you to please think long and hard before simply allowing this merger.

Sincerely,

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